



The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church
Fenton, Michigan

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others

June 2015 (our 157th year)

Dear Friends:

There have been some conversations about communion since I arrived. Some questions and experiences led to a further conversation at the last Worship Committee meeting. I shared with them some history of communion, and some information to help guide us through a conversation. What developed turned into our "EpiscoFact" that I shared on May 24 at our 10:30 service.

Communion comes from Jesus' command to the disciples that whenever they broke bread and shared wine with others, that it had a new and deeper meaning: His body and blood. Now, a meal was no longer just a time of nourishment...even fellowship...it is a moment to be close with God.

As the tradition was passed down, we developed a ritual of a small piece of bread and a sip of wine from a common cup. Then, many churches started to use wafers.

At some point in our time, people got the impression that one was spreading germs by sharing a cup, so they started intincting (dipping) their bread. Science has since run several experiments about the most sanitary way to take communion. (I know that it sounds weird that science runs an experiment such as this, but they were trying to figure out the safest way to share this sacrament.)

Scientists have found that more germs are spread by dipping your bread than by just sharing the cup. We carry an enormous number of germs on our hands and under our fingernails. Even if we don't actually touch the wine, when we put our hands above the chalice germs from our hands drop into the cup. Using a shared cup, the wine (which has alcohol) helps kill the germs. In addition, the chalice bearer wiping with the purificator removes the residual "stuff".

At St. Jude's, we have been using bread for communion for about two years now. This returns us to "Jesus shared bread and wine with his friends." We aren't using a sterile wafer, but real bread with substance. A concern that we have: bread is not built for intincting. It breaks apart and falls into the cup. By the end of communion, we often have globs of bread in the cup. During the EpiscoFact announcement on Sunday, there was a lot of laughter...because everybody has seen the globs.

We, the Worship Committee and the Eucharistic Ministers, are respectively requesting a shared common cup instead of intinction or the dipping of the bread into the wine. We know that this may take several weeks to get comfortable with if you have been receiving by intinction. During the service, prior to the Eucharist, some helpful instruction will be provided as a guide and as a reminder to share the common cup. You may choose to eat the just bread, sip just the wine, or partake of both for communion. Sacrament (bread or wine) in one kind counts as full communion.

A note about May 24th communion: There were no globs of bread in the chalices at the end of communion.

We appreciate your attention to this detail and care for one another. If you have questions, please let me know. If you'd like more information, I have some articles that talk about this.

Peace,

The Rev. Heather Barta

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We Are Family



Please Hold In Your Prayers

For those in particular need of

prayer: Brett Beal; Marie Church;

Cheryl & Don Cortese; Erica and Gail Delaney; Jane Diehl; Doug; Matt Doyon; Gail Endahl; Julie Gates; Tom Gernack; Ralph Gladfelter; Judy Godsell, Mary Lou Jenkins; Collin Krause; Bill Lenny; Lenox Family; Lewis family; Eveline McCoy; Delores Melfi; Aaron Myers; Taylor Nicely; Marge Riley; Latoyah Upton; and Pat Walters.

And those in continuing need of prayer: John Babcock; David Barrows; Theresa Braun; Margot Brummett; Betsy Davies; Caytie Gascoigne; Bunny Gladfelter; Renee Goss; Brian Henderson; Ev Koller; Leona; Jeff Leubke; Rick M; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Sandy Train; Susan Taber; and Gavin Wood

Pray for Our Ministers

June 7th – Teresa Maynard; Bill McDonald; Scott & Sharon Michael; Jack & Beverly Mills

June 14th – Robert & Ann Minock; Lorraine, William, Austin, Leah and Matthew Moller; Ben Oliver & Lenae Chambers, Gwendolyn and Maurin Oliver; Mike, Ashleigh, Bradley, Libby and Chloe Mae Pattan and Emily Wright.

June 21st – Vic & Michele Peters; John & Carol Pettipher; Susan Premo; Adam & Ashley Prew

June 28th – Clay & Diane Putnam; Lois Putnam; Ashley Ransley; Ed Ransley & Nancy Day

Celebrating a Baptism:

In May, we welcomed *Miryam Lula Hassell*, daughter of Tristan and Natalie Hassell into the body of Christ!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Kearns, Peggy Beverly Mills
2 nd	Tess DuPei
6 th	Paul Dolza Lois Hartranft
7 th	Amy Freeman Rosa
8 th	Clay Putnam
10 th	Gale Cronk
12 th	Craig Adams Caroline James
13 th	Bill Anderson
14 th	Leigha Forsyth Ev Koller
15 th	Gail Delaney
16 th	Nancy Mason Libby Wright
18 th	Bob Alexander Debbie James Ashley Ransley
20 th	Lynell Wright
22 nd	Doug Koch Mary Kurtz Adrienne Shepard
24 th	Christine Szostak
25 th	John Vitovsky
26 th	Ashley Prew

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

5 th	Tristin & Natalie Hassell (5 years)
7 th	Ed and Nancy Day Ransley (35 years)
8 th	Reid & Adrienne Shepard (2 years)
10 th	Dean & Lisa Kusluski (26 years)
25 th	John & Carol Pettipher (49 years)
26 th	Bob & Kim Alexander (33 years)

SPRING CLEAN UP!!!

Our most sincere thanks to those who were able to stay after service and do some much needed clean up! Thanks to Bill Anderson, Kelly and Lisa Cronk, Connie Fry, Dot Dowlan, Carol & John Pettiper, Nancy Day and Ed Ransley, Megan Rosa, Amy Freeman Rosa, and Bob Warren.

We are Family (Con't)

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during May: Bill, Molly and Lydia Anderson, the Social Committee, Kathy Kortge, Marilyn Safa, and those who contributed to the Family Breakfast!

We are so grateful to Crust for their dedicated delivery of their delicious baked goods that we enjoy each Sunday.

Every day they continued to meet together...they broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts. Acts 2:46-47

HELPERS NEEDED !

We continue to struggle to cover Coffee Hour and provide flowers for the altar. Please take time to sign up in VandenBergh Hall or on-line at <http://www.stjudesfenton.com> and click on "Sign Up Station."

CARD MINISTRY

It's a warm and fuzzy feeling when you are ill and receive a get well card, or you've not been able to attend church for a while and you get a card from your friends at St. Jude's.

Noreen Smith, who has faithfully taken on the task of sending these cards for many years is retiring. Thank you, Noreen, for your ministry and service!

We welcome (and thank!) Lynne Ronthi, who will be taking over for Noreen. If you know of someone who is a shut-in, is ill, has had a death in the family, is new to St. Jude's, or simply might benefit from receiving a card, please contact Lynne at (810) 750.3409 or email her at swamp93@aol.com.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES/CHECKS

As summer approaches, many of you will be taking vacations and will not be here for Sunday services. Often times, you will submit more than one check and envelope for the Sundays you are not here. We would like to save you the extra checks. Simply write one check for the entire amount. For example, you are gone for 3 weeks and you pledge \$10 a week. Write your check for \$30 and discard the unused envelopes. The computer does the rest. *(And it saves us time!)*

Additionally, if you are ordering flowers/candles or a special offering, just indicate the amounts on your envelope or check memo line and we will credit you accordingly.

Notes from the Choir

It is incredible that we are in June. This brings a close to the music ministry season for another year. St. Jude's Ringers tolled their final time several weeks ago and the choir concludes its season on June 8. It has been a busy and fulfilling season.

Thank you to all our talented and dedicated musicians who give so freely of their time. This includes not just in worship, but in the other ministries of the church since many serve in other capacities as well.

WE HAVE A GREAT NEED FOR MORE SINGERS AND RINGERS. Please consider either joining us or recommending someone we may not be aware of.

Both the bell and vocal choirs will resume in September. Have a blessed summer.

Marlene Weston

UPCOMING SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

Lugnuts Baseball Game on August 8 in Lansing, Michigan

It's Jimmy Buffett night!
The New Century Chorale is singing
the National Anthem!!
and ...FIREWORKS after the game!!!

What more could you ask for????

Tickets: \$11.00 each
Game Time: 7:05 p.m.

Tickets must be ordered by mid-June. Order forms are on the board in VandenBergh hall. Think about going to a great Minor League game in a family friendly part for a great night out!

News and Happenings

Vestry Notes – May 2015

Vestry met on May 19 at 7:00 p.m. and took the following action:

- approved a motion to review financial institutions for a possible change for our checking account
- approved a motion to have Matt Shepherd remove the wooden fence; approved a motion to have Heather remove the hutch from the library; both will make a contribution to St. Jude's
- work is in progress on creating a Welcoming Committee and on this year's stewardship campaign
- agreed to not have a Vestry meeting in July 2015.

General Convention Regional Meeting

Everyone is invited to see what is coming up with General Convention!

Wednesday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Saint Dunstan's Episcopal Church
Davison, Michigan 48423

General Convention is coming soon! What is General Convention? In simple terms, it is a legislative body, meeting in two houses, the House of Bishops, and the House of Deputies. All bishops of the Episcopal Church are members of the House of Bishops. Diocesan conventions elect deputies (four lay and four clergy) as members of the House of Deputies. Meeting for two weeks at a time every three years, the General Convention sets the mission priorities, budget and policies of the Episcopal Church for the next three years. It approves changes to the Church's Constitution and Canons, and broadly defines the standards of worship. In that sense it is the highest-level governing body of the Episcopal Church. This year, General Convention is June 25 –July 3, 2015, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

There will be two gatherings in our diocese prior to the General Convention for anyone who is interested in learning more about it. We'll be talking about how General Convention works (why

it matters!), the roles of Bishops and Deputies, the legislative process, and we'll highlight some of the legislative material we'll be considering and voting on this year. We'll also talk about how you can follow the events of General Convention and stay informed as they happen.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1562311974036916/>

Hope to see you there!

Meet Kris Fosyth – New Youth Minister! Greetings!

I am excited to begin serving the congregation of St. Jude's and I thought I'd share a little about me and my family.

I am married with two daughters. Katie, my oldest, is out of the nest now and serving as Bishop Todd Ousley's Director of Communication. She lives in Saginaw and attends St. John's Episcopal Church which is where I spent my tween and teen years. My daughter, Leigha, will be fourteen next month and is finishing up the 8th grade at Hartland Middle School. Leigha knows some of St. Jude's youth from Camp Chickagami. She is excited to be a part of the youth group at St. Jude's. My husband, Greg, is known to several of you as he sang in the New Century Chorale for years. Greg is a team leader for an IT group at Route One in Farmington Hills. We moved to the Fenton area about two years ago. We really enjoy the community.

I've been involved in diocesan and congregational youth ministry for about twenty-five years. Even before that I worked at the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan's camp, Gordonwood, during my college summers. In fact, that's where I first met several members of St. Jude's in the independent choir camp made up of children's choirs from St. Jude's, St. James, Birmingham and Grace, Lapeer. Later, St. Jude's sent young people to the diocesan choir camp at Gordonwood as well. It's really fun to catch up with some of the parents of the same choir campers today.

I graduated from Eisenhower High School in Saginaw (now Heritage High School) and also Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. My degree is in Occupational Therapy (OT). I worked

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as an OT after college, with adults and adolescents in mental health settings, for a few years.

My interests and hobbies these days include swimming and boating, playing with our dogs, gardening, watching HGTV, reading and playing a little guitar. I also enjoy various arts and crafts. I also like to go to baseball games in the summer with my family. We usually catch a few Tigers and Lugnuts games each year.

I'm looking forward to meeting more young people from St. Jude's and their families. We're planning a few youth group fellowship activities this summer and fall possibly including a picnic at a lake, a canoe/ kayak trip down the Huron River, a bonfire, a road rally and more. Please feel free to contribute your ideas as well.

I'm also really excited to continue developing intergenerational worship experiences and activities for the fall. I'm attending a conference this summer and hope to come home with lots of new ideas and insights.

Looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you better.

Peace!

Kris Forsyth
Children, Youth & Family Minister

PICNIC IN THE PARK

When: Sunday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.

Where: Bush Park

Bring your own table service, chairs (maybe an extra for a friend who forgets) and a dish to pass.

Hot dogs and hamburgers are provided.

Guitar Practice

Guitars and other stringed instruments (ukelele, mandolin, banjo, dulcimer...) will start practicing on Thursdays at 6 p.m. beginning on June 11.

Talk to Heather or Terri Hutchins if you have any questions or would like to RSVP.

Furniture Offer!!!

Do you love the Silent Auction and want to start practicing before October?

Here is your chance to do just that! There are some pieces of furniture that are no longer needed, and are up for offer! Check them out in the library and place your bid.

Bidding ends at 12 noon on Sunday, June 21.

Autumn Tapestry is back!!!

On October 17, 2015, we will be auctioning off gift certificates and baskets, new merchandise, antiques and so much more!

But, we cannot do it without your help! There is a sign-up sheet in VandenBergh Hall where you can indicate where you would like to lend assistance –

making a basket?

visiting businesses for contributions?

setting up and/or cleaning up?

distributing the merchandise at the end of the auction?

Or just leave the space after your name blank – we'll be sure to find something for you to do!

Beginning in August, we will ask you to begin bringing in the goodies!!!

Please contact Freya Hutchinson, chair, at (248) 328-0874 or Nancy Day, at (810) 964-6029 with any questions.

The Autumn Tapestry Committee thanks you for your support!

OUTREACH IN JUNE

There will be two major opportunities to get involved in the community coming up in June. The week of June 14th is Family Promise. Then, on June 27th, there will be another Truckload Food give away! Mark your calendars, and remember to sign up – either in VandenBergh Hall, or on-line!

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